

DEPARTMENTAL NOTES

ADDITIONS to the Academy's herbarium continue to come from Mr. Henry M. Pollard of the California Preparatory School at Ojai, California. Mr. Pollard is making a botanical survey of the Ventura River basin, and already has collected upwards of 3000 specimens between the mouth of the river and the summit ridges at elevations of 4000 to 5000 feet. Among the plants he has sent are several which previously were not known from southern California.

Dr. Thomas H. Kearney, research associate in the department of botany, has gone to Arizona to work for several weeks on the revision of *Flowering Plants and Ferns of Arizona*, authorship of which he shares with Mr. Robert H. Peebles of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Fred C. Hadden, whose name appears so frequently on the collector labels of the Academy's beetle collection, was a recent visitor, stopping on the way to his home in Samoa. For the greater part of its valuable collection of Philippine Coleoptera the Academy is indebted to Mr. Hadden.

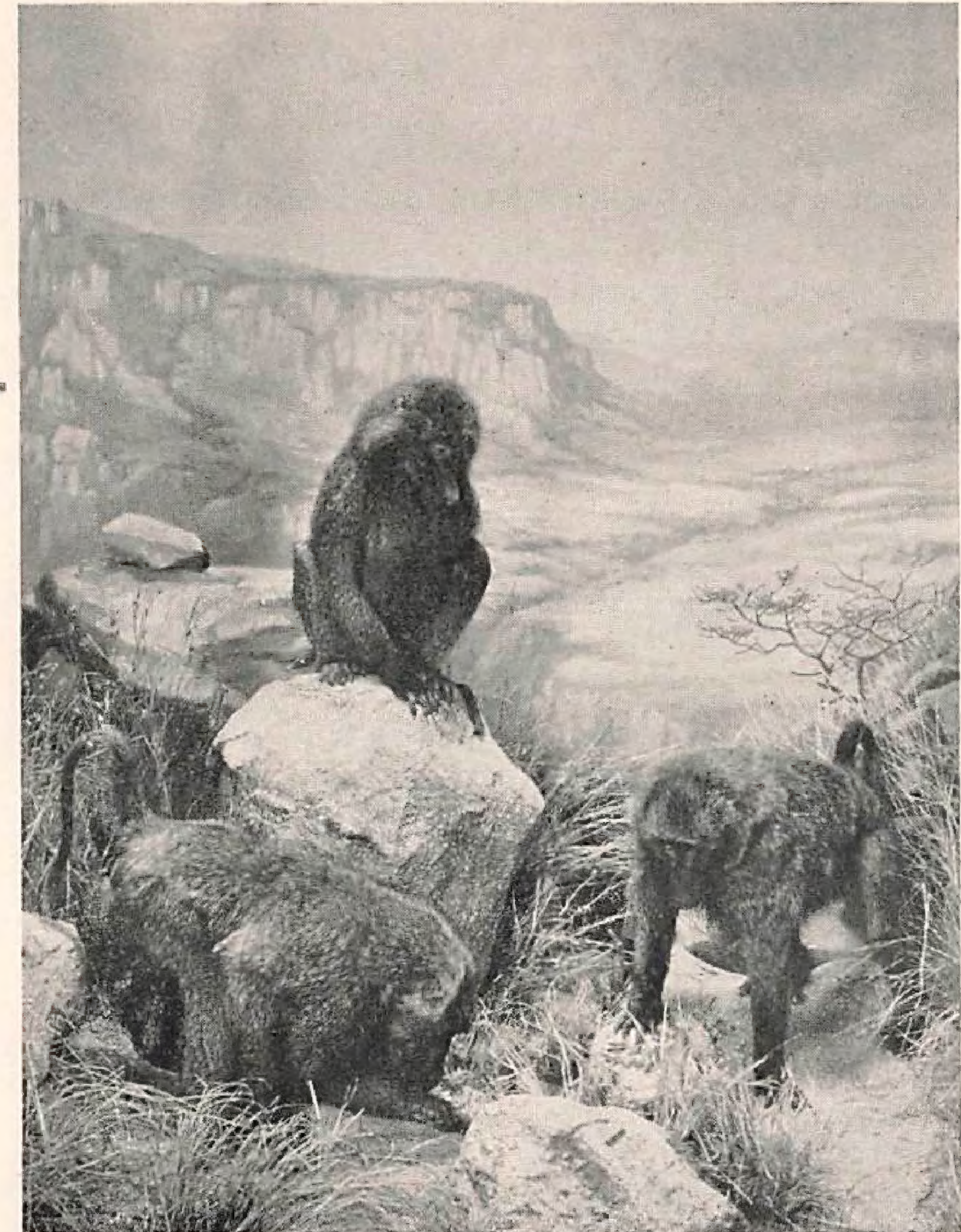
Dr. Wilbert M. Chapman, the Academy's curator of fishes, has published a very informative article on Pacific tuna fisheries in the October 6 issue of *Far Eastern Survey*, journal of the American Council of the Institute of Pacific Relations. Dr. Chapman points out that those islands which were formerly under Japanese mandate but are now under American administration possess a tuna potential which constitutes by far their greatest natural resource.

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November Announcement

THE REGULAR NOVEMBER MEETING of the California Academy of Sciences will be held in the Auditorium of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, 245 Market Street, on Thursday, November 7, 1946, at 8 o'clock. The lecture of the evening, first of the Academy's autumn series on the Walter B. Scaife Foundation, will be given by Dr. Olin Sewall Pettingill, Jr., whose subject will be

WILDERNESS MISCHIEF

Dr. Pettingill is a staff lecturer of the National Audubon Society and widely known as a distinguished student of natural history. Moreover, he is outstanding as a photographer of wildlife subjects, having filmed the cryptic life stories of many of our citizens of the American wilderness. His lecture will depict, both by word and colorful motion pictures, the great variety of occupations, recreations, and other interrelated activities that go on in a typical wilderness animal community. In the picture you will see the forest curtains drawn aside and will look in upon the private lives of such characters as chipmunks, porcupines, raccoons, foxes, bears, and deer, as well as many kinds of birds. You will see them at play, building their homes, gathering their food, rearing their families, and defending themselves against their enemies. "Wilderness Mischief" is a documentary film of the highest order, recording and revealing the ecological complexities of a wilderness world.

The public is cordially invited.



APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

NOTICE is hereby given to all Corporate Members that the Council at its meeting on October 9, 1946, approved the applications of Mrs. A. L. Day and Miss Jane E. Zimmerman for MEMBERSHIP, and of George Brenegan, William Chezar, Bernard Gardner, Thomas Hildreth, Joan McCormick, Bernhard Miller, Kenneth New, Jerry Russell, Franz Simon, Joyce Van Hoosear, and Marilyn Van Hoosear for STUDENT MEMBERSHIP in the California Academy of Sciences. If no objection to the election of the applicants be received at the office of the Academy within two weeks after November 1, they will be considered elected.

STUDENT SECTION AUDUBON PROGRAM

THE STUDENT SECTION of the California Academy of Sciences has been requested to present a program at the November meeting of the Audubon Society of the Pacific, discussing and illustrating those activities of these younger members of the Academy which have a relationship to the field of conservation. Several of the students are hard at work preparing charts and other exhibits for this meeting. The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held in the Assembly Room on the third floor of the San Francisco Public Library, at 8:00 p.m., Thursday, November 14, 1946.



ACADEMY RECEIVES NAVY AWARD

THE CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT of the United States Navy has been awarded to the California Academy of Sciences "in recognition of exceptional accomplishment in behalf of the Navy and of meritorious contribution to the national war effort." This citation relates particularly to the services rendered by the Academy's instrument shop, which, under the urgency of wartime needs, repaired and restored to service more than 10,000 damaged optical, meteorological and navigation instruments, and manufactured some 25,000 optical parts for Navy use.



CONSERVATION CONFERENCE IN SAN FRANCISCO

THE CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION COUNCIL and coöperating agencies will hold a public meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 22, in the Theatre (second floor) of the Marines' Memorial Club, 609 Sutter Street, San Francisco. An excellent program is assured, featuring fine colored motion pictures of California's forests, mountains and wildlife, and informative addresses on the protection of these and other natural resources. Conservation exhibits will be displayed in the second floor lobby. These may be viewed from 1:30 p.m.

Members of the Academy and their friends are cordially invited to attend this conference.



NEW APPOINTMENTS IN ENTOMOLOGY

BY ACTION of the Academy's Council at its meeting on October 9, Dr. J. Linsley Gressitt of Lingnan University, Canton, China, and the Reverend Edward Guedet of San Francisco, were appointed research associates in entomology.

Mr. Owen Bryant of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, was declared a Patron of the Academy in recognition of his generous gifts to the department of entomology.